



# Newsletter 14

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## GOODBYE –

Ms Love's farewell assembly is tomorrow but the staff said 'goodbye' to Ms Love with a cake made by Mrs Ware in the office.

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## CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Bath Abbey



School Choir



Christmas dinner

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**END OF TERM –** This term will end tomorrow Friday 15th December and children may be collected at the normal time of 3.15pm. The new term will start for children on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, following the INSET day.

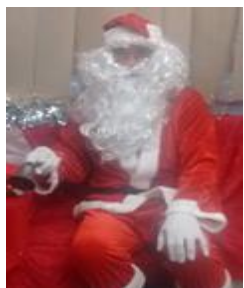
**SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES –** The school performance tables have been updated today confirming what our most recent results show: We are a 'rapidly improving' school. With 74% reaching the expected standard, we have outperformed the national average of 61% , and surpassed many 'good' and 'outstanding' schools across the country! Of particular interest is that when compared to 125 similar schools across the country, we rank 15th for progress in writing! Hurrah! Well done to all the children of Whitchurch Primary School as we continue to 'achieve our best together'.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS -** We can hardly believe we are already a third of the way through the academic year. Having enjoyed the PTA Christmas fayre early in December, the children of Whitchurch Primary School have performed in the Bath Abbey Carol Concert, sang at two other events (including the village light switch on), performed two nativity plays, enjoyed a Christmas dinner, attended Christmas parties and had breakfast with Santa! An exhausting month indeed, but hopefully creating a feeling of Christmas! From all staff, children and governors at Whitchurch Primary School: Merry Christmas!

**THANK YOU -** A big thank you to everyone who has attended our Christmas events and for your support this year, especially those of you who have given up your time to help in school, and coming in to read with your children. A special thank you to our Reading Partners - Mrs Thatcher, Mrs Percival, Mrs White and Miss Dyer. Also a huge thank you to the Friends of Whitchurch Primary School for all the hard work they have put in this year to help make these events successful.

**PARENT REPORTING –** Please note, children in Years 1 - 6 will bring home a slip showing their outcomes for this term tomorrow. The slip will show boxes for Reading, Writing, Maths, Attendance and Behaviour, Reading fluency, Handwriting, Spelling and Maths fluency, alongside a mark between 1 and 4, depending on how well they understood the learning. This slip will be used to keep you updated on your child's progress.

**FROM THE PTA** - What a busy week the children and the PTA have had so far! Monday the PTA treated the children to breakfast with Santa, Tuesday the PTA supported the school in the singalong where the raffle draw took place and gifted Christmas Crackers for the Christmas dinner and today.....there is a surprise gift from the PTA for each class to be given out at the class parties - ask your children what they received. The PTA would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and their friends and families for their support over the last year!



**YEAR 6** – Congratulations to Year 6 who raised over £84 on their stall at the Christmas fayre. They have decided to donate some money to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Cancer Research.

**YEAR 4** – From January 4<sup>th</sup>, Year 4 will be going to Bristol Gymnastics Centre every Thursday for 6 weeks. Please pay on Parentpay before this date to enable us to take part.

**YEAR 5** – Year 5 will be taking part in swimming lessons from January 4<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks. Please pay on Parentpay this term and return your consent form. Thank you.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** – If your child attends breakfast club, please ensure they are there before 8.15am as breakfast is only served until this time.

### **THIS WEEKS' ATTENDANCE RESULTS!**

Reception: 93.8%

Year 1: 94.7%

Year 2: 95.4%

Year 3: 95.2%

Year 4: 92.9%

Year 5: 93.2%

Year 6: 97%

**THE WINNERS THIS WEEK IS YEAR 6!**

Year 6 will receive 10 minutes extra play time!

**THE HOUSE WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS **WILLOW** WITH 95.6%**

### **PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!**

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work, which will go into a 'showcase' book for visitors to view in the school office. Photos can be viewed on the website shortly!

This week's children are:

**YEAR 1:** Betsie has been praised – Sophia has received the showcase award

**YEAR 2:** Ruhi has been praised – Gracie has received the showcase award

**YEAR 3:** George has been praised – Ollie has received the showcase award

**YEAR 4:** The whole class has been praised – Charlie W has received the showcase award

**YEAR 5:** Poppy has been praised – Oliver has received the showcase award

**YEAR 6:** Leona has been praised – Jack has received the showcase award